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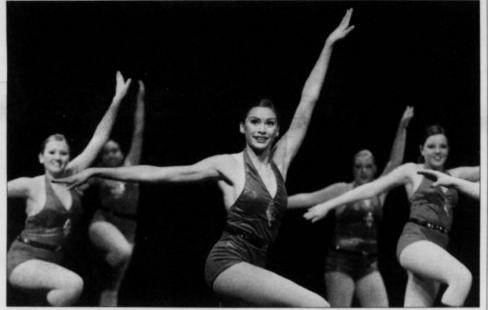
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A 7 year old primary ballet group from Joy's School of Dance performs "Baroque Hoedown" in the character small groups category of the Glitter and Gold Dance Festival held at the TransCanada Theatre last Friday. The festival ran from Apr. 26 to Apr. 29.



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A 14 year old jazz group from Joy's School of Dance performs "Bond" in the jazz large groups category festival last Friday.



# Town to award construction contract for Shantz

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY

Review Staff

After a heated debate and a tough few weeks of thought and consideration, the town of Didsbury council made a motion to award a construction contract for the Shantz Crossing Business Park to J.S. Ferguson Construction Inc., as well as move forward with the new stormwater pond for the project.

The decision came to pass at the regular council meeting of April 24, which saw another full house of enthused residents who were given the floor to speak their mind before the motion was made late in the evening.

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Prior to the meeting, councillors had sat down with
Wayne Poffenroth, a developer who had voiced his concerns about the project at the previous meeting, and a second source to discuss recommendations and other
options moving forward.

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However, despite this meeting and the recommendations offered, the motion to hold off the official awarding of the construction contract was defeated, and the motion to move forward was passed.

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Once again, residents voiced their concern over the debt the Shantz project could introduce to the town and the lack of pre-sales on Shantz's lots during an open-floor discussion that took place before the decision was made.

"I want to know how and why the town would have ever wanted to put Didsbury in that level of debt," said Ric Wohlgmuth, who had spoken at the last special Shantz meeting.

Mayor Brian Wittal assured that the total town debt projected in the 2012 budget, with the Shantz project taken into account, was \$8.5 million, with the town debt limit at \$12 million.

"We are not at the limit, we are not exceeding the limit and we are not planning to exceed it," said Wittal, adding that debt repayment has been \$1.2 million a year for service in debt. "We are well within our limits to be able to manage and service debt."

Wittal went on to say that the Shantz project was a means to help balance the imbalance in the commercialindustrial and residential tax pools, and that the introduction of Shantz and the businesses it is supposed to be bringing will help add to town revenue in that regard.

This balancing of tax pools would help the town pay for other upcoming projects in the future as well as other pricey endeavours, such as having to pay for the RCMP in another five years when the updated population census comes in at over 5,000 people (assuming the provincial government is still using its current process then).

Other potential town projects, such as a new library, fire hall, and arena upgrades, also had to be taken into consideration.

"How do we look at offsetting these things in the community as it grows?" asked Wittal, adding that Shantz can help do this by generating tax revenue behind its long-term businesses, which will also help pay the debt the town has sooner. "How do we take on debt for these kind of projects? That is the strategy behind Shantz. You have to take on debt to do that."

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## Shantz

"Our number one priority is to get busises in there as Wittal said. "Overall, I don't see it as a major risk or major gamble, it's a calculated gamble, that is why we are looking at this project from all aspects, what is the best way to proceed forward. If we sit on it, that doesn't get us anywhere."

'It was a council objective for Didsbury to help improve imbalance in taxation structure. This is not a surprise, we've been looking at this for a number of years, it's part of the long-term philoso phy we are doing [for the tax imbal-

"I don't care about Shantz, it can wait, there are more important things going on," said Rick Lavigne when the floor reopened, voicing additional concerns about Calgary bank-confirmed property values in Didsbury decreasing. "Don't talk to me about futures, tell me about now. Stop with this futuristic programming, focus on immediate problems, putting us further and further in debt will not solve

When asked how sales were looking for Shantz, Wittal said that there were two potential lot buyers at that time.

"I would love to see Shantz fill up, but...I don't see a bunch of people com-ing to Didsbury," said Lance Plewis from the floor. "I don't see how we can sell it here, compared to Crossfield, Olds, or

Airdrie... I don't see it filling up, I see it as

the thing that pushes us over the top."
"I think all of us want to see it grow, I disagree with the way we are going about it. It is huge potential... Brian is passionate about Shantz, maybe other people are. If it goes I would love to see it filled,

Residents asked for other council mem-bers to voice their opinions and thoughts on Shantz and the discussion at hand as

"Nobody used to show up for council meetings, it's good to get involved," said Coun. Ray Anderson. "We need more Ray Anderson. involvement...We believe we are trying to do what is best. I am comfortable with what has happened with council in the

"We all live here, we've chosen this community to live in for various reasons, we've come to understand the beauty this community has. Streets, parks, there's deficiencies we've noticed," said Coun. Lavar Adams. "I believe if we can continue to have the voice of citizens at large we can more forward positively. It will scare a lot of people, some risk has to be taken, but we cannot grow in a vacuum, it will cost us something. It depends on how much we are willing to sacrifice for this community."

Though several attending the meeting left before the official motion was passed, the decision was heard, with council members anticipating unhappiness from some residents regardless of which way they chose to move on the topic.

## Residents respond to Shantz decision with new petition

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY

Review Staff

The decision to move forward with the Shantz Crossing Business Park dents of Didsbury concerned about future debt implications for the town, and another petition may be in the works.

Since the motion on Shantz was made at the April 24 regular town council meeting, Didsbury resident Rick Lavigne, with the help of friends and other supporters, has begun to collect signatures for a petition of inquiry.

petition, which requires 20 per cent of the town's population before submission, will be passed on to municipal affairs to request an inspection of the town's administration.

Lavigne has collected over 140 signatures in the first four days of this initative, and anticipates hitting the 20 per cent quota.

"It's very scary, every-one is afraid, everyone is concerned, especially business owners," said Lavigne about comments he has received. "I see businesses leaving, I see roads in bad repair, and I hear a lot of unhappiness

This will be the second

public petition effort in less than two months for Didsbury, following a petition to appeal the directional signage project, which was completed and accepted by council in April.

"Being a resident of this town, I'm fed up with the way the situation is going," said Joe Falconi, a Didsbury local and sup-porter of the petition. Roads are a disgrace, and it's too nice a little town to be screwed around by."

"You can only watch it decline for so long before you do something," added Lavigne. "There's a bunch wrong that has to be fixed. Property values are going down... People are selling their homes for \$100,000 less to move out just because they don't want to be a part of a bankruptcy.

When asked about the balance town had hoped Shantz would bring to the currently imbalanced commercial-industrial and residential tax pools, Lavigne restated his cerns about the debt the project could bring and added, "We had a prominent developer give them alternatives, and it was ignored.'

"For a small town, this is a tremendous debt. They're always going on about the future, but what present?



Joe Falconi (left) and Rick Lavigne (right) sit in the lot by the comer of 20th St. and 23rd Ave. where Lavigne had set up his petition stand on April 28.

Lavigne continued. "How are we going to fix what's wrong now before it gets out of hand? People are

nervous, they are ques-tioning because they're People are now starting to voice their concern. I think that's good

for the town."
"It could turn out too

that there is nothing technically wrong if an investigation is done, and municipal affairs can give recommendations moving forward," added Falconi. "But apparently there

some sort of problem." Lavigne and other supporters and friends will be continuing their efforts around town throughout all of next week. Lavigne

Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce

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## **DEADLINES!!**

FOR THE MAY 22 PAPER AS MONDAY, MAY 21 WE ARE CLOSED.

The Mountain View Gazette & Carstairs Courier AD BOOKING DEADLINE is Tues., May 15 at 5 p.m.,

COPY DEADLINE will be noon Wed., May 16. We need to have the MVG to press early Thursday.

The AD BOOKING DEADLINE for the Didsbury Review and the Olds Albertan will be Wed., May 16 at 5 p.m., COPY DEADLINE Thurs., May 17 at noon.

### Police report

BY JENNIFER ISAAC

## Stolen Camaro recovered, man charged

A stolen Camaro was recovered in Carstairs last week, said Cpl. Warren Warren Wright of the Didsbury RCMP.

"Late Carstairs RCMP Constable Sheldon Krasniuk drove by an address on Grey Street and 11th Avenue in Carstairs and observed that there was a Chevrolet Camaro or similar vehicle parked on the property,'

said Cpl. Wright. "This observation corroborated information that he had received earlier that mornthat a stolen Chevrolet Camaro

parked on the property."

Const. Krasniuk returned with a general search warrant on April 26, allowing him and members of the Calgary RCMP Major Crimes -Auto Theft Unit and

Didsbury RCMP to lawfully enter onto the property and examine the vehicle to record the Vehicle Identification Number

"The VIN affixed to the Camaro was located, queried and confirmed to be stolen out of Red Deer on October 8, 2009," said Cpl. Wright.

second search warrant was applied for and

granted, allowing RCMP members to seize and remove the stolen 1995 black Camaro, as well as search the remainder of the property for any other

stolen property.
A criminal charge of possession under \$5,000 is currently pending against a 46-year-old Carstairs man, as Const. Krasniuk's investigation continues

### Cremona youth charged with break and enter, theft

A 17-year-old Cremona youth has been charged with two counts of break, enter and theft after a recent police investigation.

"On April 14, a resi-dence on a Water Valley property was broken into," said Cpl. Warren Wright of the Didsbury RCMP detachment. "A laptop computer, a pocket watch and a quantity of cash was stolen from the residence."

A witness had observed a suspicious vehicle in the area at the time of the break-in and had spoken with the young male driv-er, Cpl. Wright added. The witness was able to tentatively identify the man to the voung Didsbury RCMP," he said

A week later, on April 21, second residence in Water Valley was broken into. "This time, only a quantity of cash was said Cpl. Wright. taken.' The homeowners advised the Didsbury RCMP that they had suspicions the person responsible was someone close to them, as

they had large aggressive dogs in their yard and the secret location of the cash stolen was known to very

This information helped the police to narrow down their list of suspects and determine that the two break and enters were connected.

"Accordingly, we began to focus our attention on specifically one young man who is originally from the Water Valley rea," said Cpl. Wright. On April 22, Didsbury

RCMP located arrested the young man. "He confessed to both break and enters," said Cpl. Wright. "A search warrant was sworn and executed at the man's Cremona residence The laptop, the pocket watch and a small remainder of the stolen cash was

The youth will appear in provincial Didsbury on May 28.



#### Keep the noise down, police remind residents

Didsbury RCMP are advising residents of Carstairs to keep the noise down, after several recent loud noise complaints.

"Now that spring is upon us and summer is close by, people are enjoying their yards a lot more," said Warren Wright the Didsbury RCMP. "Last week, police were dis-patched to complaints involving residents throw ing parties in the evening, which inevitably spilled outside and woke up their neighbours. We also had a complaint of residents enjoying their home stereo at full volume in the afternoon, with their windows doors wide open. causing their neighbour's walls to vibrate."

Cpl. Wright added that the RCMP or municipal

enforcement will try to work with the residents to resolve any noise complaints at the first instance.

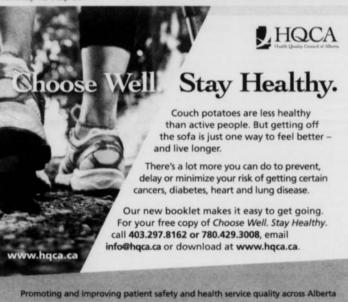
\*However, sometimes this plan doesn't work, said Cpl. Wright. "If we're called back to the same property a second time, we will charge under the Carstairs Municipal Bylaw 706 Section 3 (1).

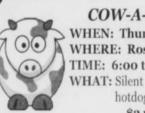
That bylaw states: ". no person shall make, continue or cause or allow to be made or continue any unnecessary unusual noise or any noise whatsoever which either annoys, disturbs, injures or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons within the Town.

The offending resident will be issued a summons to provincial court with the appropriate fine attached to it, which goes up incrementally with any consecutive complaints received," Cpl. Wright said. "In some very rare and unfortunate cases, the RCMP may have to rely on Section 430 of the Criminal Code to get compliance, also known as mischief."

This provision makes it a criminal offence to interfere with someone else's enjoyment

property.
"We want to remind residents to enjoy themselves responsibly and considerate and mindful of their neighbours," added Cpl. Wright. "Your music and activities shouldn't interfere with someone else's enjoyment of their home or community





#### COW-A-BUNGA FAMILY DANCE

WHEN: Thursday, May 31, 2012

WHERE: Ross Ford Elementary School

TIME: 6:00 to 8:30 pm

WHAT: Silent auction, raffles, BBQ (hamburgers & hotdogs), beverages. Come, have fun.

\$2 per person, \$5 per family

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## Opinion

## Editorial

### West Central Alberta's MLAs face big challenges

The triumph of the Alison Redford Tories in the recent provincial election – with the PCs garnering yet another in a long line of comfortable



DAN SINGLETON majorities – may not necessarily end up being great news for the new crop of West Central Alberta Wildrose MLAs and their constituents.

While the Tories managed to garner 61 seats provincewide, ensuring a majority government for the next four years, the Wildrose did manage to win seats in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Rocky Mountain House-Rimbey-

Sundre, and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake ridings (along with 14 other seats).

As such, many West Central Alberta residents now find themselves being represented by opposition MLAs, instead of by government-side MLAs.

Where in the past West Central Alberta MLAs have 'had the ear of the government' when it came to seeking out financial support for projects in their respective communities, they now find themselves across the legislature floor, fighting the government instead of being in the government camp.

Judging from past experience, those same West Central Alberta MLAs could very quickly find themselves facing day-to-day uphill battles when it comes to being considered for a fair share of the government spending pie.

Like it or not, that's the way the system works in Alberta and Canada, with those in power being able, if they so chose, to put their own constituents' interests front and centre while relegating their political 'enemies' and their constituents to the unenviable position of being on the outside looking in.

There are many pressing needs and requirements in West Central Alberta, all of which require provincial government money. Those include a growing need for upgrades to highway infrastructure, hospitals and schools, and a myriad of other facilities.

Make no mistake, without provincial government money, and plenty of it, the public infrastructure in West Central Alberta could very quickly fall into a very sorry state. And that, in turn, could lead to all kinds of problems, including reduced business and tourism traffic as visitors chose to look elsewhere for investment opportunities and for places to spend their recreation dollars.

West Central Albertans have chosen to elect a batch of new Wildrose MLAs to replace the incumbent Tory MLAs who lead the region for decades. Perhaps those same voters were also counting on Wildrose to win big provincewide?

Nevertheless, while it's interesting to think what could have been had Danielle Smith won it all, the new West Central Alberta MLAs now face an uphill battle that will be full of challenges that residents will need them to meet.

## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU REMEMBER IT BEING THIS DRY?

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"Dunno — I can't remember it ever being this dry before!" ERLY TRUBBLE



"Back in '37, when th' wells in these here parts all dried up!" I.B. ESSER



"In 1981, when there wasn't even a bucket of water fer irrigation!" J.P. DOODLES



"Yesterday when I emptied th' rain gauge with a dustbuster!"

## Commentary

## Redford offside on Mar file

Premier Alison Redford's record on open and transparent government took another hit Friday after the ethics probe into Gary Mar's fundraiser was released publicly just days after the election.

Mar – Redford's handpicked Asia representative – was investigated after auctioning off a trip to his Hong Kong government office at a personal fundraiser earlier this year organized to help him pay off PC leadership debts. The trip reportedly fetched \$20,000.

"Regardless of the report, this transaction involving Mr. Mar doesn't pass the smell test," Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith said. "Ms. Redford should force Mr. Mar to repay the \$20,000 as a condition of remaining on the job."

During the campaign it was reported that Mar had been reinstated to his position by Redford's deputy minister, Peter Watson, well before the televised Leaders' debate

At the time, the PC campaign and Redford insisted they had seen nothing of the report despite the close connections with the Premier's office.

Wildrose MLA Rob Anderson criticized Redford for fumbling the Mar file from the start by keeping the report behind closed doors and by handing out a patronage posting in the first place.

"Redford is building a reputation of wanting to keep the public in the dark, whether it's her time as Justice Minister creating laws that shroud illegal donation investigations into secrecy, or punting important issues until after the election," Anderson said. "It's time to hold an open and transparent competitive process for international offices instead of continuing on with the PC pattern of giving plum patronage postings to party officials."

Wildrose Party of Alberta

## Letter to the Editor

### Taxes are the price of civilization, says reader

Dear Editor

Taxes are a bargain. Here's why: Even if you kept every penny you pay in taxes, you wouldn't be able to afford the benefits you get by 'sharing' some of your wealth with the government.

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society" wrote U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. in a 1927 decision.

What do you get for your money? Your country's borders and foreign interests are protected by a highlytrained and well-equipped military.

Within the country, we are protected by civil and criminal laws which defend us against all manner of offences. This is backed up by a police force which will restrain and if necessary incarcerate people who break our rules.

The food we buy in the grocery stores is scrutinized and so safe that we don't think twice about trusting it. The network of paved roads that we can drive on without paying tolls is extensive, and provides a benefit beyond merely our driving on it. It also allows for the economical transportation of most of the goods we buy.

Children are provided with an extensive and comprehensive education from kindergarten to Grade 12, including trained teachers, suitable facilities and all sorts of enrichment so that they can be well prepared for life as adults.

If you are sick or injured there are hospitals and clinics that will help you get well again. If you are down on your luck there are systems that will help get you back on your feet

We maintain amicable foreign relations with other countries so that, by demonstrating with your passport that you are from Canada, you can gain access to many other countries.

All this (and much more) would

be difficult to negotiate or afford on an individual basis. Taxes are a pain, certainly. They

Taxes are a pain, certainly. They take some of your money, and that's unpleasant. Paying taxes feels separate and distinct from the systems and protections you receive for paying them.

It's a fair exchange. We elect people who decide how to tax us, and then they spend the money to benefit us all. That's no excuse for inefficiencies in the spending or in the systems, and we should buy the civilization we want at the best possible price.

How much is civilization worth to you? How much does it cost you in taxes? Even with all the forms, schedules and complex, expensive tedium that comes with taxation, it's worth it.

We can do more together than we can apart.

Aaron Holmes

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## It's time to end welfare

#### Income support reform that makes sense

BY RICK AUGUST

For the Review

Some claim that governments can reduce poverty by raising velfare rates and making benefits easier to get.

However, the only real poverty reduction in half a century of welfare policy has come about by raising employment rates, not welfare rates.

Work is good for people, and more people working is good for

For many adults, if not most, who find themselves on welfare, employment is by far the most likely path out of poverty.

Among female single parents, for example, poverty and dependency rates have declined as their employment rates have

Yet, hundreds of thousands of Canadians still remain on wel-If the task before us is to move more low-income citizens from dependency to employ-ment, from poverty to prosperity,

welfare is part of the problem,

not the solution.
Welfare competes with wages When welfare benefits are higher than earnings, dependency When increases. becomes an attractive alternative to work, it becomes less sustainable because fewer people are working and paying taxes to support more who are not working. This fact means that there are very real limitations on how far governments can go to reduce poverty through passive benefits like welfare.

Canada very nearly reached the limits of welfare policy 20 years ago when about one in eight Canadians relied on welfare for their living. The more enlightened governments of the day responded wisely, restructuring benefits to make work more attractive and beefing up employment services. The result has been lower welfare dependency, steadily declining poverty rates, and a modestly more inclusive society

There are, however, still many single individuals and family heads on welfare who are capable of working but do not. Too many children still grow up in workless households, never themselves developing a work ethic. It makes little sense at any time, but particularly where there is strong labour demand.

The key weakness of the wel-fare system is that it pays people not to work. Over the long term, people will tend to do what they are paid to do. In this sense, the welfare system itself has created category of citizens who are chronically workless and outside the margins of the labour force.

To change this situation, we will need to leave behind the notion that fighting poverty is just about giving money to the poor because we know that how people get their money is impor-tant too. The best way to reduce poverty is to increase employ-ment among low-income adults and to make sure that working is fairly rewarded.

Part of this can be achieved by more rigorous work expecta-tions. We need to make sure that governments do not drive entry-level jobs out of the economy se these are the jobs that welfare recipients need most. We also need to make sure that people who do honest work have a reasonable living standard and have opportunities to move up in the work world over time.

Social policy can help or hinder this plan. Welfare has too often been seen as an acceptable alternative to work. Its administrais complex, cumbersome and often demoralizing to benefi-ciaries. To move to a better approach, we should strip wel-fare to its basics - replacing most of what is now in welfare with work-friendly social supports.

we are to invest public money in an individual, we need to make sure that our investments are socially useful. A supplement or support to a low income working person costs less than welfare and produces better outcomes. move adults from welfare to would cost money, work would pay a huge and long-last-ing dividend.

The welfare system was creat ed with good intentions as a way to offer social protection and fight poverty. Because it exists, there is virtually no involuntary destitution in Canada, and that achievement should be noted. As a tool against poverty, however, it has most certainly failed.

Canada could be a country where effort and reward still count, but where every adult who participates and contributes is part of a community of citizens. Moving closer to that goal means leaving the welfare era behind, and moving on to a more modern and dynamic social policy.

Rick August is a Regina-based independent social policy analyst. He is author of Taming Two Dragons: Poverty, Welfare and the Future of Income Support published by the Frontier Centre, fcpp.org.

## TOWN OF DIDSBURY

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

#### SPRING STREET SWEEPING

We're still cleaning! Watch for signs indicating street sweeping in your area. To assist us in cleaning the streets quickly and efficiently, please:

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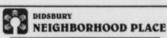
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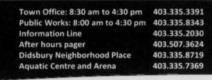


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Standard First Aid: Gain your first aid with CPR and AED on May 5 and 6 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$130.00 GST.

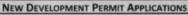
Community Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday May 12 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Curling Rink. Book a table and recycle your home items. Cost is \$15.00

For more information or to register for any upcoming program, please call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.



## ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

8, 9, 22, 23 Green Bin 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30 12, 13, 26, 27



Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 12-18 33, 1190 - 15 Avenue 1804 - 20 Street DP 12-19

27 Deer Coulee Drive

DP 12-21

Addition w/decks - with conditions **R3** Repaint façade - Central Core Heritage C1 Plan area - with conditions

Rear Deck

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday May 15, 2012.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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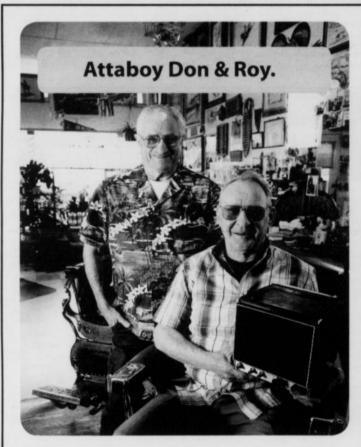
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#### May 4

Friends of Aspen Spring Tea and Bake Sale, Aspen Ridge Lodge 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00.

#### May 9 - 12

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#### May 11-12

Friends of the Library Book Sale. Friday, May 11 Noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lawn Bowling Club Basement. 1619 2nd Avenue. Payment by donation – all proceeds to the Didsbury Library.

#### May 12

Saturday 2-4 p.m. Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church. Cost: \$3.00.

#### May 12 & 26

Saturday 11-1:30: Enjoy a tasty hotdog with all the trimmings at AG Foods. Donations received will be used to support the Didsbury Museum.

Wednesday from 1-3:30 p.m. The museum will be having "Coffee & Conversation." This will be a "sneak-a-peek" of our vintage wedding display over the past century. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, chat with friends and explore the museum. Everyone is welcome. This will be our last Coffee & Conversation until September 26, 2012.

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### SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY



## Show community pride with spring cleanup

BY MADISON SAMUEL

The Town of Didsbury is getting ready for some spring cleaning with the upcoming Landfill Days community cleanup.

The five-day cleanup encourages residents to cleanup up their homes and yards to benefit the community on a clean and ecofriendly level from May 22

to May 26.
"We're trying to get the community involved in cleaning up the town," said Public Works administra-tive assistant Meg Phillips.

On May 22, the cleanup week will kick off with White Day, when the town will be collecting appli-(fridges, freezers, dishwashers and bathtubs to be exact) for a \$15 fee.

For the elderly or those unable to bring appliances to the curb, an appoint-ment can be made with the town to pick these items up for \$10 on May 23.

As for residents bringing their unwanted appliance and other garbage to the landfill, they can pick up a

between May 1 and May 19 for \$10 to hand to an attendant at the landfill site to absolve them of regular site charges for the cleanup

"The ticket will require a proof of residency, such as a utility bill, to show you're from the town and not the county," said Phillips.

Phillips explained that a

was not used and the sin gle-day cleanup became something of a hectic "free-for-all".

This year the event will be held over the course of five days and mainly for town residents, to ensure more organization and les stress fo attendants. for landfill

why residents

should want to participate in the cleanup, Phillips said it was a good way to show pride in the community.

'It boosts pride, we want to attract new families and businesses to Didsbury. said Phillips on the benefits of cleaning up around the community.

"We're proud to show to the world that we have a clean community.'



Outlaws 4-H Horse Club

## **Outlaws 4-H Horse Club report**

We are the Outlaws 4-H Horse Club and we're off to a great year. We take part in a number of different activities.

They include English des, Western rides and rides, fun rides which we do every second weekend. We also attend meetings where we discuss fundraisers and plan activities

October, with a few rides and meetings.

also

Halloween party. A few of us also helped run a haunted barn Halloween night.

Throughout few months, we had a lot more horse rides and a few more meetings and had parties for holidays. In January, we had multi-judging, which is where judge animals based on their physical charac teristics with other 4-H clubs in the February, we did public speaking, where we all made 3-5 minute long speeches on the subject of our choice.

Plus, we had a show-

were taught technicalities of horse shows. In March we started having English rides every Thursday along with the rides we have every second week to prepare for horse show ing season (we are all entering many horse shows throughout April,

May and June). In April, we had our first gymkhana show (games on horseback such as barrel racing and pole bending)

ed, and our horses following right behind, we're off to a great year!

## **Prairie Partners** 4-H Multi Club

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The club had a success ful speaking year with six members continuing on to Area level. Sadie Kientz and Chloe Schaber went on in the Junior category. The sisters Emma Schaber and Isabelle Schaber and Rasmussen Stephanie were to move on in the Senior category; unfortu-Stephanie unable to attend so Julia Fruson went in her place Reanne and Emma got all way to Regionals. Congratulations to everyfor participating in public speaking. As a club event, we went to Lloyd's Roller Rink in Calgary on the Family Day weekend. Everyone attending had loads of fun trying their skills on roller blades and skates as well as trying to dodge those around them. The different club projects are working up to their Achievement Days. Small engine is working on reassembling a lawn mower engine, cooking is

skills, pellet gun members are improving on their tarpractice and woodworking has been making a large pile of sawdust creating their projects. Batteries are being collected by the club.

Please call Karla Fruson for battery pick up at (403)

Submitted by Julia

Photography We have had a busy month. We had "homework" to do and we were supposed to have five ani-mal photos and five human portrait pictures We all had some amazing pictures. We worked with Photoshop to learn the functions. Our new home-work for April is to have pictures that we would like to have in black and white. We are also getting ready to have our entries ready for 4-H on Parade. We are all looking forward upcoming competi-

Submitted by Katie

had two booked for February, but unfortunately one was cancelled due to very cold weather. Our next ride we had a substitute coach our instructor was on holi-

Michelle had us playing games to teach us 2 point position as well as learning alternate collection methods; lots of fun! We have also been practicing showmanship. have two rides and a trail clinic in March so we should be busy, weather permits

Submitted by Sydney

members been busy halter breaking their projects. We are preparing for our mock show on April 22 at the Cow Palace. We are look-ing forward to District Heifer Show as well as Steer show.

Submitted Cassandra Rasmussen

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## Benefit concert back for 15th year



Karen Hudson adjudicates The Little Rascals at the 2012 Kiwanis Music Festival. The Little Rascals will be one of the performing acts returning to play at the Benefit Concert.

## Evening of music excellence to be held at TransCanada theatre

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY

The annual Benefit Concert, in support of the National Music Festival and in association with the Kiwanis Music Festival, is back again for another year, bringing the best musical talent from Didsbury, Olds and other nearby communities to the forefront for an evening of entertainment.

munities to the forefront for an evening of entertainment. The concert will be held at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on May 12 at 7:30 p.m., with tickets available at the door

The concert is being organized once again by Marlene Skeet and June Chittick, who first took up the initiative in 1998, making this their 15th year.

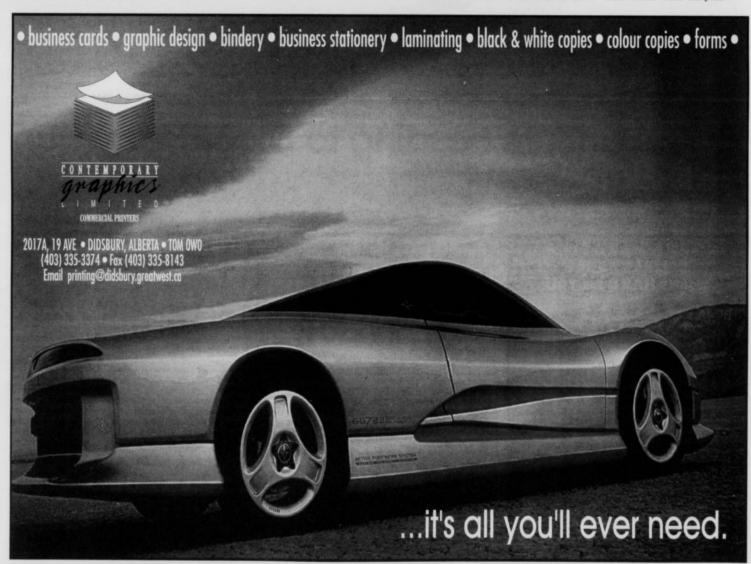
"We feel very strongly about local music," said Skeet, who works as a private voice and piano teacher, while Chittick works as a private voice teacher. "The main sponsor for the national festival pulled out several years ago, and since then people have had to step up to fill in the void and support it."

void and support it."

Skeet went on to explain that the benefit concert was a part of a "ripple" effect, that influenced not only the national music festival, but the provincial one as well.

"People in our community need to understand that supporting this will help our area as well as the provincial and national festival," Skeet explained. "Some people don't understand that ripple effect, but it's very important." Skeet went on to say that there would be top-notch per-

Skeet went on to say that there would be top-notch performances and returning performers from the Kiwanis Music Festival again, and is excited to be holding the concert in the "fantastic" TransCanada venue this year.



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EYES ON THE PRIZE - Westglen School grade 7 student Chase Sheehan returns a shot during the CESAA grade 7 and 8 badminton tournament at the Ralph Klein Centre in Olds last

## DHS students heading to Bloomsday Run

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY

Review Staff

Six students from Didsbury High School will be putting their best foot forward for the Bloomsday 2012 Run taking place in Spokane, Wash. on May 6.

12-kilometre run features over 50,000 runners and is for both competitive and casual runners, walkers, and those in wheelchairs to get outside and enjoy the

springtime weather.

This is the seventh year DHS students will be attending the run, having gone to their first in 2000.

"We started it to try and promote running to our cross-country team in the off-season," said Mark Leggette, who will be one of the teachers travelling with the students to take part in the run. "It gets an interest in running. And it's a large, well-known event that is televised with overhead helicopters...seeing all those people running for such a big event is quite motivational for the stu-

To prepare for the run, students train off and on in the months leading up to the event, as most students are only used to running three- or four-kilometre stretches

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s opposed to the daunting 12-kilometre Bloomsday Run. Students and chaperones will be leaving

for Washington on May 4, where their weekend schedule will be centred around the run and also a fitness expo taking

place in the area on the same weekend.
"It's always fun," said Leggette. "A with a smaller group too, you get to know the students and each other better."



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\$379,900

2147 - 23 Avenue



\$169,900

Newly Subdivided



1912 - 20 Street



reat Commercial Building on Didsbury's usiest block, over 2500 sq ft, solid tenant with a long term lease, some additional

\$239,900

THE PORCHBOYZ



GREAT DEALS ARE POPPING UP ALL OVER!

1306 - 23 St



do fees, ha ng, gas fireplace, open enced and landscaped,

\$229,900

28 Westhill Drive



\$279,900

3, 705 - 23 Street

221 Southridge Place



errilic family home, fireplace, vaulte ceiling, oak kitchen, 6' jetted tub in ensuite, beautiful newer cedar deck and fence, huge yard, double garage \$254,900 with \$5,000 each beek



Affordable 4-plex condo unit, bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor aundry, over 1000 sq ft developed, reasonable condo fees.

\$114,900

1337 - 25 Street



family 2 storey, 3 + 1 hedrooms, 3 1/2 baths sak kitchen, gas fireplace, double garage, good sized lot with R.V. parking off of lane \$310,000

39 Meadowview Court



1300 sq ft, 3 bedrooms 2 baths on main, self contained basement suite w/ in floor heat, self contained drubble parage, large pie fol 344,900

1508 McAlpine St., Carstairs



main fir laundry, 9 basement, covered rear dec \$ 349,900 includes GST



Newly subdivided vacant lot in a mature Didsbury neighborhood, 35' X120', zoned R-2, unserviced, call for more into

\$59,900

107 Westridge Place



1585 sq ft fully finished home, 5 bedroor 3 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, open pi huge yard, oversized garage

\$384,900

790 Stonehaven Dr, Carstairs



mmaculate home inside and out shows like ew, 2+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, covered rear deck, underground

\$329,900

204 Westhill Close



Great 5 bedroom family home, wood stove, oak kitchen, double garage plus 24' X 14' workshop, super location

\$249,900



\$229,900

1415 - 23 Avenue



\$259,900



family home over 1600 sq ft, 4+1 ms, 2 baths, large lot, very nice back ofth patio, newer siding, and more,

\$289,900

808 Stonehaven Dr, Carstairs



me, over 1806 sq ft, gas firplace ellings, two 6" tubs (one jetted), chen, double garage plus 20"X32 top, backs onto the 17th green! 4419,900

**306 Westhill Close** 



Large well maintained bungalow in prim location, 3 + 1 bdrms, 3 baths, jetted tub solace, dble "stacked" garage, beautiful y \$ 279,900

2202 - 20 Street



ic commercial land in down town , 336 feet of frontage, fully serviced in 2 places, great location \$199,900

6 College Green Close



Lovely upgraded condo, hardwood, gas fireplace, 2+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, main oor laundry, fully finished, prime locatio

\$244,900

1301 - 24 Street



\$239,900